

and carried adjacent a rear end of the frame to provide a tricycle wheel configuration;

(c) a plurality of cutting units carried on the frame for mowing grass, wherein the cutting units may be [raised and lowered into and out of engagement with the] [ground and when lowered into engagement] engaged with the ground during a mowing operation and when so engaged have at least some of their weight carried by the ground and not the frame; and

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(d) a hydraulic drive system for driving the ground engaging wheels of the frame, which drive system comprises:

(i) a source of pressurized fluid;  
(ii) individual hydraulic drive motors operatively engaged to each of the ground engaging wheels of the frame; and

(iii) means for connecting the hydraulic motors to the source of pressurized fluid in the following manner:

the wheel drive motor for the rear wheel is connected in series to the fluid source and to the wheel drive motors for the front wheels; and

the wheel drive motors for the front wheels are connected to each other in parallel.

Rewrite claim 20 as follows:

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20. (Once Amended) A hydraulically driven riding mower having all wheel drive, which comprises:

(a) a frame having an engine;

(b) a plurality of ground engaging wheels attached to the frame for movably supporting the frame for movement over the ground, the wheels comprising a first pair

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of wheels carried adjacent a front end of the frame and at least one rear wheel spaced on the frame from the front wheels and carried adjacent a rear end of the frame;

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(c) at least one cutting unit carried on the frame for mowing grass, wherein the cutting unit(s) may be [raised and lowered into and out of engagement with the] [ground and when lowered into engagement] engaged with the ground during a mowing operation and when so engaged have at least some of their weight carried by the ground and not the frame; and

(d) a hydraulic drive system for driving the ground engaging wheels of the frame, which drive system comprises:

(i) a source of pressurized fluid;  
(ii) individual hydraulic drive motors operatively engaged to each of the ground engaging wheels of the frame; and

(iii) means for connecting the hydraulic motors to the source of pressurized fluid in the following manner:

the wheel drive motor(s) for the rear wheel(s) is connected in series to the fluid source and to the wheel drive motors for the front wheels; and

the wheel drive motors for the front wheels are connected to each other in parallel.

Rewrite claim 26 as follows:

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26. (Once Amended) A hydraulically driven turf maintenance vehicle having all wheel drive, which comprises:

(a) a frame having an engine;  
(b) a plurality of ground engaging wheels attached to the frame for movably supporting the frame for